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Ten scholarships of $500 each are being offered by the Electrical Construction Industry Council of Contra Costa County for the 10 best essays written on a given subject.

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Senior boys interested in getting an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, should see their counselor for information on the coming competitive examinations.

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Jeanne Morrison will take the place of Ursula Schilling in the Senior play.

C.S.F TOURS CRUZ CAMPUS

At 8:05 on Wednesday morning, a bus loaded with members of the California Scholarship Federation (C.S.F.), left the school grounds of Acalanes on their semi-annual field trip to the University of California at Santa Cruz.

After a ride that included poker games, rubber bands, and general joyous feelings toward their ephemeral emancipation, the bus reached the unfinished campus. After a brief tour, lunch was eaten and an informal lecture was given concerning the make-up to-be of this new university. Then the long trip home began — a trip which included singing, more poker games, and another stop for lunch. The bus returned to Acalanes just as the seventh period classes were being dismissed.

PARENTS VISIT DONS CLASSES

On Oct. 20th the annual Parents Back-to-School night was held. Parents spent 10 minutes in each class following the program of their children. In every class the teacher explained the objectives of the course, content, and grading system to the parents. The affair was preceeded by a short meeting of the parents at 7:45. After visiting the classes, the parents were invited to refreshments, which extended until 11:00.

The Senior class float entitled "Cinderella" snatched first place and $25 on Oct. 16 during the annual Homecoming activities.

FABULOUS HOMECOMING WILD ACTIVITIES HELD!

The highlight of every football season here at Acalanes is our Homecoming. This year's Homecoming, which was October 16, was one of the biggest successes we have seen for a long time. All themes for the floats were based on childhood fairy tales.

Homecoming was carried off a little bit differently this year. Instead of seeing the floats at halftime they were driven around the track at 7:30, before the game.

The senior float came in first place and was based on the fairy tale of Cinderella. It had a pumpkin made of orange crepe paper at the back of the float and three chairs in a row for the princesses to sit in, who were Holly Borowiak, Hope Julius, and Laurel Stanley. Later that evening during half time, it was announced that Holly had been chosen for the 1964 Homecoming Queen.

The junior float portrayed the story of Alice in Wonderland and received second place. They made playing cards, a Cheshire cat, and a lollipop tree out of crepe paper. Sitting in a small white wrought iron seat was the lucky Lynette Leonard, who was chosen junior princess.

Mary Mary Quite Contrary was the theme for the sophomore float which came in third place. The entire bed of their float was covered with multi-colored flowers that went up into a mound on top of which sat Sue Lincoln, the Sophomore princess, beneath a white arbor.

Fourth prize went to the freshmen who had a theme of Hansel and Gretel. They had constructed a little house and covered it with paper flowers. On the two sides of the princess, Janis Peterson, were two small children portraying Hansel and Gretel.

About 40 stores from both Walnut Creek and Lafayette donated gifts to the Homecoming Queen and her princesses.

After the spectacular football game it seemed as if the whole student bod turned up at the after-game dance. A live band calling themselves "The Breakers" kept everone dancing until midnight. The music was wild. People did everything from waltzing to the swim and kept the crowded gym in a tidal roar of stomping feet. Colleen Freitas sang and was followed by more surf-beat music and deafening cheers.

Pictured above are the Homecoming Queen, Holly Borowiak (center), and from left to right the Princesses, Janis Peterson, Sue Lincoln, Lynette Leonard, Hope Julius, and Laurel Stanley.

PEP CLUB ELECTS MORE OFFICERS

Pep Club has selected the remainder of its officers for this year. They chose Janny Christensen as Secretary - Treasurer, Cathy Quinn and Roxanne Perkins as Senior Representatives, Jean Boyer and Jackie Caddel as Junior Representatives, Lucy Cunningham and Jan Nilsen as Sophomore Representatives, and Brynn Christensen and Susie Salmon as Freshman Representatives. Pep Club hats were sold in the Rally Room for three days by Janny and Jackie with the assistance of Miss Howell. All members must wear their hats at every game. Pep Club is helping Rally make posters. Miss Howell, Pep Club adviser is doing everything possible to promote spirit at the games and within the school.

CALENDAR

Oct. 29 Talent Assembly
J.V. Football at San Ramon
Frosh Football here — San Ramon

Oct. 30 Varsity Football here— San Ramon

Nov. 4 Cross Country at Miramonte

Nov. 5 Student Council meeting
J.V. Football here —Alhambra
Frosh Football at Alhambra

Nov. 6 End of first quarter
Varsity Football at Alhambra

Nov. 11 HOLIDAY

Nov. 12 J.V. Football at Del Valle

YELL LEADERS ANNOUNCED

On Monday, October 12, the freshmen and junior varsity yell leaders were elected. Frosh yell leaders are Jani Peterson, Linda Querio, Kathy Records, Susie Salmon, and Jeanne Wakeman. JV yell leaders are Dianna Link, Sue Spragens, and Martha Sweet. The girls were chosen by the varsity yell leaders. It will be their job to lead the yells and promote spirit at all Frosh and JV games.

Dons Qualify! Merit S. Test

Four semi-finalists on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given last spring, are Virginia Deuschle, Jeff Hall Keith Moore, and Bob Muti. In December these students will take the S.A.T. College Aptitude Test,, and if validated, will become finalists.

Students receiving Letters of Recommendation are Sheridan Baker, Lucy Bartholomew, Tom Cannon, Bob Eames, Judy Guilky, Richard Lee, Linda Morgan, Jeanne Morrison, Bill Shepard, and Laura Tow.

Schalorships awarded through the Merit Program are financed by the Merit Corporation and 230 other associations, trusts, and colleges. The semi-finalists and commended students together, only constitute about 2% of all high school seniors.

A.F.S. To Collect — Halloween Drive

The American Field Service will have its annual fund-raising drive on Halloween to collect money to bring two foreign students to Acalanes next year.

Lafayette is divided up into several areas and there is a chairman in each area. A Pot-luck dinner will be held at each chairman's house and after the dinner the students will go out to the houses assigned to them and collect money. Then everyone will go to the fire house to count the money and have refreshments. This year's goal is $1,400.

Nat'l Book Week Soon

National Book Week, November 1, calls attention of the public to the outstanding selections which the library has to offer. Book Week is celebrated in every library, public and private, and by every school from elementary grades to the universities. Our library will hand out celebration book markers and have special displays.

THIS IS ACALANES

By BECKY HART

These past few weeks have been both hectic and exciting as the interest at Acalanes turned to events of homecoming. The senior class made history this year. Their float was completed before 7:00 p. m. Friday night which is quite a change from the usual rush that occurred in the past. The Rally skit was corny but funny, and a lot of work went into it.

It was too bad that **Dan Boyle's** and **Joyce Cottrell's** ideas had to be censored. Speaking of **Joyce Cottrell,** I hear that she and some of the other Junior girls were out late one night. She either got over excited or scared and . . . well never mind. **Marilee Wade** had her first experience with the law just recently. She drove down the wrong side of the street and had to go to traffic court. Did they take your picture or just get your fingerprints Marilee? Have you been noticing the love comic books being passed around Acalanes: **Gretchen Jacobsen, Marilee Wade, Ellen Clark, Holly Borowiak,** and **Penny Prentice** were feeling lonely one night so they bought them and then decided to share them with the other Senior girls who seemed more than grateful. These comics brightened and enlightened their day, just ask **Hope Julius** or **Terry Andresen.** The trunk of **Kathy Okerstrom's** car has become a popular place to ride home in. **Peggy Schell** and **Patsy Sibley** were the last passengers. They weren't as conspicuous as to their presence as the last two, however. "Suegra Mejor." This is Spanish for mother-in-law, a song title most teenagers are familiar with. If you had gone by room 308 first period one day you would have heard this being played on a record player. The record is just one from **Melanie Oblender's** collection. If you asked her to let you borrow one, I'm sure she'd let you. **Bob Nipkow** looked nice as he casually came walking into the Lafayette Library the other night. Tell me, Bob, do blonds actually have more fun?

I wonder what ever happened to the "riot" planned for the Friday of our first league game. I guess **Reg Lee, Andy Picard,** and the other Senior boys wore grubs for nothing. Have you ever noticed the teachers cars parked in the parking lot lately. For instance, **Mr. Mayes'** new '64 Mustang, **Mr. Walgren's** '64 Pontiac, **Miss Richardson's** and **Mr. Thurling's** Jaguars, oh, and of course there's always **Mr. Mehus** and his Lambretta.

Bob Stoops was trying out a Honda one Sunday and appropriately began singing "Little Honda." He got to the second stanza of the song where it goes "second gear a'lean right" when he hit a telephone pole. Have you noticed all the people walking around on crutches lately? They're enough people to start a club.

It seems that **Becky McKee, Jan Christenson, Beth Marek, Pat Butler, Jean Beyer,** and **Jackie Caddel** went to the Mormon Temple in Oakland and don't remember anything about it except all those signs the cute guides kept fashing. I guess everyone heard about or remembers **Betty Colwell's** party. I hear that it got so that it was hard to tell exactly who was with whom. "Lost, ah lost." **Dave Metcalf** and **Steve Scott** had quite a hard time in Drama saying this line. To get their meaning across they slipped a few other words in.

SENIOR PROFILES

Dale Speyer, an interesting and fun-loving senior at Acalanes, is often seen taking part in one of the many school activities, or occasionally doing a bit of studying. Dale has taken an active part in many of the extra-curricular activities and clubs at school, as well as going out for school sports.

Dale is the president of Los Amigos and, therefore, also in student council. He has gone out for various sports, but his major sport is basketball; Dale is looking forward to a good basketball season this year.

Dale's spare time is spent working at Knowland Park in Oakland, practicing basketball at Saint Mary's, and taking part in other activities he enjoys.

When he graduates, Dale wants to go to San Jose State, but he is not yet sure of what he wants to major in when at college. When asked if he was looking forward to graduation, he said, "No, because after I graduate, I will have too many responsibilities!"

Dale likes Acalanes because it is small, and there are not many major changes that he would like to make in the school. If he could improve one thing about Acalanes, he would try to do something about the school spirit because he feels that it is greatly lacking.

If you were to walk down the halls of Acalanes and hear some girl laughing, screaming, or giving a lower classman a bad time, then you would probably have heard Leslie Grant. Leslie is the type of person who kids about lots of things. Besides being Junior Representative of Rally last year, Vice President of Rally this year, in charge of Homecoming, Associate Editor of Blueprint, and a member of Student Council for two years, Leslie has been on Acalhonors since her freshman year. She has run for Social Secretary of her class for the past two years but lost both times. She told me kiddingly, "I feel my classmates made a terrible mistake."

When asked what she does in her spare time, Leslie replied, "I sleep, do all kinds of homework because the teachers really pile it on, work at Rinehardts in Walnut Creek, and water ski during the summer. One of Leslie's dislikes is this year's Senior Class. She explains by saying, "I like all the individuals, but I dislike the cliques and snobbishness which are prevalent in our class."

Since Dale was the other Senior Profile, I asked him what he thought of Leslie as a friend and he said jokingly, "You can't put that in the paper, can you?"

Leslie feels the worst part of Acalanes is the lack of school spirit.

FROSH GOSSIP COLUMN

By GALE MEFFORD

The Frosh class of '68 began its first year at Acalanes with a bang! There was the strive toward homecoming and what have you!

They're quite a crowd, I must say, ranging from the loud—you know, those who really let you know their here type, to the ones who keep their liveliness to themselves. They're all a lot of fun!

Take **Deidre Currier** for instance; where else can you find a girl who spends the whole home economics course putting **Bob Fee's** "English Leather" all over her clothes. That's o.k. Deidre, we understand! ! !

Then there's always **Alice McConaughy** and me. The day we end up doing French during Mr. McDonnel's class is probably far from near.

Typing is another thing that collected a lot of us Freshmen this year. We can't leave out **Sandy Osborne** who's always faithfully watching the keys on her typewriter while she types. This is the kind of thing that brings home a progress report, yet this is the kind of thing that can't be helped—true we all get kidded about it. We don't mind either, at least I guess we don't.

By the way, if you have fifth period Algebra and are sitting in the direction of **Debbie Matheson,** don't be surprised if you see her munching on an apple!

Oh don't worry! I haven't forgotten the boys of the class. There are enough clothes lying around the pool area outside the boys locker room to start a clothing store! We girls are beginning to wonder what goes on in there after P.E., Boys!

Poor **Greg Fisher!** It seems that he **tapped** the back of another kid's chair and the whole thing fell apart. Greg is acquainted with Mr. Stevens now! We **all** feel sorry for you Greg!

Then there is **Denny Johnson** and **Stew Merritt.** They write love letters to each other during General Science. This is o.k.!?!?

Well, what do you think of our class? Pretty good, don't you think? Your guess is as good as mine!

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Mr. Stevens Impressed By West Point Cadets

On October fourth, Mr. Stevens went to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was one of forty-three educators who participated in the campus visitation program of West Point. The purpose of the program was to give an insight into the educational processes used by West Point, and make known the qualifications of a cadet. The visitors had a very full schedule. Their time was planned so that not a minute was wasted. While at West Point, they stayed at the Hotel Thayer and ate in the army mess hall. They did have one day free, which most of them spent at the World's Fair.

The cadets are as well mannered as one would expect them to be, if not more so. Acalanes has a graduate at West Point: John Nolan, who Mr. Stevens was able to talk to during his visit.

The cadets call girls, "drags." It's not a new saying but it's thought to refer to cave women who were dragged by their hair.

Mr. Stevens returned to Acalanes on October 8, impressed with the polite and disciplined students at West Point, and enlightened about the educational program of this famous military academy.

Beer Cans

By John Merrill

Beer Cans—
Beer Cans lost in too many ice cubes
On a Saturday picnic
With the firemen and their respective
Families.

Beer Cans trapped in a secret harbour
That you built with slippery-smooth rocks
At streamside—Chilling.

Beer Cans rolling about
In a tide pool
With the sand crabs that you dug up under their waterspouts
When the wave was out

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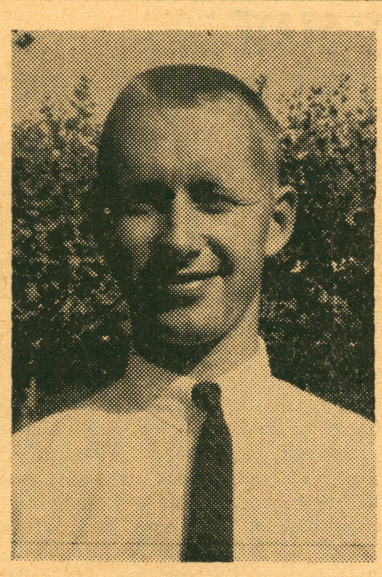
In the park and by the highway's edge—
And you don't like it.



New Physiology Teacher Arrives

This fall Acalanes welcomes a new physiology teacher. He is Robert Mehus, formerly of Berkeley High.

After attending high school in Seattle, Mr. Mehus enrolled at the University of Washington, and was graduated in 1958. He has since done graduate work at Stanford University and Cal at Berkeley. He went directly from Cal to BHS, where he taught physiology, as well as a form of advanced biology not offered at Acalanes.

Mr. Mehus finds many distinctions between Acalanes and Berkeley High. Berkeley, with a student body drawing from many different areas and numbering over 3,000, is much more varied than Acalanes. With a homogenous student body of only 1300, he feels Acalanes has an atmosphere more condusive to serious study, but without the many clubs and activities of a big city school. He does, however, find more school spirit here.

Students generally are finding Mr. Mehus' classes interesting and stimulating; they are definitely not simply memorization courses.

Mr. Mehus is, aside from teaching, something of an Acalanes first, arriving at school each morning on a Lambretta, complete with his attache case. Why not? If you don't believe it, check the parking lot before school.

EDITORIAL

Examine The Issues

This is an election year. Next month the American people will go to the polls to mark their X's for their choice for President of the United States. The choice, ostensibly, is between a hair-brained idiot who will blow up the world if given a chance, and a fat, money-grubbing, corrupt politician who doesn't care about anything except personal power. Of course this is not the case, but if one were to listen only to the candidates, this is exactly the impression he would get.

Thus far in this "campaign" the only thing either candidate for President has done is to indulge in personal derision. In this advanced age the people deserve better than to be fed a line of "snow" from both parties, the nation needs better than an administration elected as the lesser of two gross evils. It is time for both candidates to constructively discuss some of the grave issues which now face and will continue to face America. This discussion must take place soon or the election of 1964 will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the lowest points ever reached by American politics.

Fact or Opinion

One of the hardest but most important jobs of a teacher in secondary school is presenting facts as facts and opinions as opinions. In most courses at school no opinions are needed, nor are they important. Mathematics and science courses, for example, offer little in the way of possibly biased views. Social studies courses, however, deal with topics which are easily slanted. Most students in these courses are not able to determine whether what they are told in a lecture is actually true or not. Therefore it is vital that the instructors, in order to facilitate free thinking on subjects of questionable verity, make very clear whether they have been discusing facts as opinions.

FEATURE TEACHER Enjoys Teaching Too

Mr. Thornton just seems to bring out the best in people. Perhaps this is because he enjoys counseling so much. "I feel that counseling lets me get to know and work with the students much more personally," he says. He feels a sense of immediate accomplishment in working so closely with each student. He also enjoys teaching his one algebra class.

Mr. Thornton is a graduate of Oregon State where he received his Master's and Bachelor's degrees. He then went into the service, taught in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and seven years ago, came to Acalanes where he has been ever since.

Mountain climbing, fishing, and golf make Mr. Thornton a true outdoorsman. This past summer he climbed Mt. Whitney with two friends and then went on to climb Mt. Dana and Mt. Ritter by himself. Both of these are over 13,000 feet and provide quite a climb. He feels that young people, especially, should take up climbing for their younger years and golf for exercise later on.

Mr. Thornton strongly feels that Acalanes has been gifted with a terrific student body. He expresses the opinion that Acalanes students are generally bright and full of potential.

Talking to people is one of Mr. Thornton's main sources of enjoyment but he seems to make one want to talk and talk because he is such a good listener and an understanding person. This all goes to form the ideal counselor and Mr. Thornton is someone who our "terrific" student body greatly likes and appreciates.

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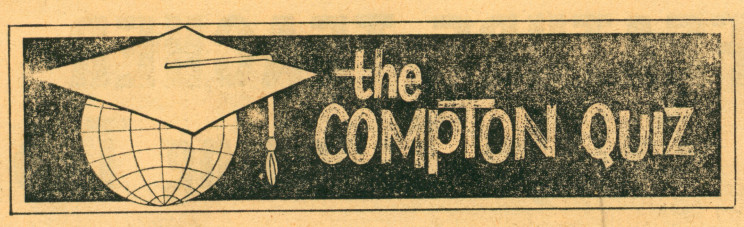
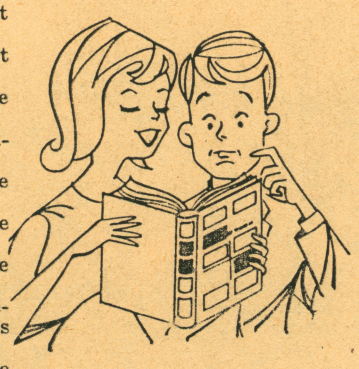


Test your knowledge of White House First Ladies with these questions and answers from Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.

1. Where did the term "First Lady" originate?
2. Who was the youngest First Lady?
3. Who was the oldest First Lady?
4. What First Lady was the youngest bride?
5. What First Lady was the oldest bride?
6. What First Lady had the most children?
7. How many First Ladies were widows?
8. How many First Ladies were divorcees?
9. How many First Ladies remarried after their term as White House hostess?
10. What First Lady had the nickname "Lemonade Lucy"?



ANSWER

1. It is attributed to a contemporary magazine writer who used the expression in describing the inauguration of President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877.
2. Frances Folsom Cleveland was 22 years old when she married President Grover Cleveland in the White House in 1886. He was 27 years her senior.
3. Anna Symmes Harrison was 65 years old when her husband, President William Henry Harrison, the oldest man ever elected to the Presidency, was inaugurated in 1841. He died a month later.
4. Eliza McCardle Johnson was only 16 years old when she married Andrew Johnson who later became the 17th President of the United States.
5. Edith Bolling Wilson was a 43-year old widow when she became the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson in 1915.
6. Anna Symmes Harrison had 10 children, also lived the longest (89 years) and was the grandmother of Benjamin Harrison, 23rd U. S. President.
7. Four. Martha Washington, Martha Jefferson, Dolley Madison and Edith Wilson were widowed before marrying their respective presidents.
8. Two. Rachel Donelson Jackson, wife of Andrew Jackson, 7th U. S. President and Florence Kling Harding, wife of Warren G. Harding, 29th U. S. President.
9. Frances Folsom Cleveland remarried five years after the death of President Cleveland, in 1913.
10. Lucy Ware Webb Hayes our first college-educated First Lady, was also a teetotaler and did not allow alcoholic beverages served in the White House.

SUE FEE TELLS OF GIRLS' STATE EXPERIENCES ENJOYED AT DAVIS

"Well I can't even begin to explain how wonderful it was," is generally my first comment when someone asks me about the week I spent at Girls' State last summer.

Girls' State originated 21 years ago. It is made up of over 500 girls, one from every high school in the state. Girls' State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, which feels that if each of the girls there realizes her individual responsibility in creating good government through a better understanding of our own government, she will serve her community and country better as an adult. Certainly each of the girls there not only gained a knowledge of our government, but shared a warm fellowship with girls of every race, creed, and color while at Girls' State.

The University of California at Davis was where Girls' State was held this year. We all enjoyed the comfort and cleanliness of the dorms there. The meals were the high point of each day. At them, we yelled and sang and prayed together. Competition between tables in mealtime yells was unimaginable.

As for the system of government we participated in: we were first organized into cities, each composed of about 30 girls. Four cities made a county, of which there were about five. Also, as individuals, we were divided into two political parties: half of us were Whigs and half were Tories. Party officials were elected within each of these parties. The spirit of the girls was amazing, as we wrote platforms, and nominated and campaigned for our Presidential candidates. I was lucky enough to be elected to the steering committee for the Tory party. From this position I became yell leader, and soon found myself having a great time working with all the other girls to promote spirit within our party.

It's really impossible to explain to you the feelings each of us girls has for Girls' State. The warm, close feeling which came to envelope us all — 500 girls who had only known each other seven days — was really amazing. The spirit we all had, the complete trust we felt in one another (no one even thought of locking anything up); all of this I'll never forget. I can only wish the best of luck to next year's Girls' State representative, and I hope that her memories of Girls' State be as happy as mine are.

Acalanes Greets Mr. Belenis

Mr. Belenis, now on the Acalanes faculty, is a man who not only teaches lower classmen English, but also is varsity football coach.

Mr. Belenis attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he majored in speech and physical education.

Before coming to Acalanes he taught at Richmond High School and Solano Junior High School. Having already coached football, biology, and English I and II, he hopes someday to teach speech, his other main interest.

Some of Mr. Belenis' sparetime hobbies are reading, listening to music, and participating in sports activities. He has been in the Peace Core in Venezuela, and also spent four months in Europe in 1959.

Mrs. Leibold Returns

Mrs. Frances Liebold, although new to Acalanes this year, is not a new teacher to a large percent of the students. For the past two years, Mrs. Liebold has been retired from the teaching profession. But she has taught math at Acalanes previously, has occasionally substituted last year, and taught at Las Lomas the year before.

Her absence last year, Mrs. Liebold said, was due to the arrival of a new family member: Mako Iinuma, an AFS student from Japan. Mako lived with Mrs. Liebold and her family last year, and Mrs. Liebold loved every minute of it. Her goal in teaching at the present is to finance a trip to Japan to visit Mako.

Mrs. Liebold enjoys teaching math, especially the modern geometry, which she finds very challenging. Of all the high schools in this district, she likes Acalanes best.

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Receiving a bye the first week of league play, Acalanes lost during the second week to top rated Piedmont, 20-0.

The Dons had complete control during the first half, limiting the Highlanders to a mere 23 yards gained. Almost all of the first half was played in Piedmont territory. Only an excellent defense, led by the Scot's Bob Carmichael, stopped the Dons from scoring.

The second half was an entirely different story. Early in the third quarter Carmichael made a 60 yard run which put the Scots in front, 6-0. Minutes later the Highlanders pushed across another touchdown making the score, 13-0. The Scots finished the night's scoring with a six yard run by Don Perkins near the end of the third quarter. The extra point attempt was good.

Right after the Scot's second TD Acalanes pulled a play which brought all the fans to their feet. The ball was handed off to Larry Tietig on the Acalanes 12. He then eluded several tacklers and started up the sideline with three Scots in hot pursuit. Larry had the goal posts in sight when he barely stepped out of bounds on the Piedmont 15 yard line, finishing a fine 73 yard run.

Jim Tucker was the outstanding Acalanes player of the game. Jim, captain of the game, played the entire four quarters, both offensively and defensively. On defense, Jim was in at least half of the tackles. Jim also did all of the Dons punting.

Another player who deserves mention is Lee Landes, last Blueprint's senior profile, who played a very fine game at the offensive guard position.

Piedmont was hampered throughout the game by fumbles and penalties. The Scots lost three of the game's four fumbles.

The fans showed great school spirit throughout the game. The pom pon girls and cheerleaders had led a large group of Don rooters in a caravan of decorated cars to the game. They were followed closely by two district school buses loaded with more rooters.

Fine half-time entertainment was provided by a precision drill team doing some Scottish dances to a bagpipe band.

JUNIOR JIM TUCKER

IS BLOCK A ATHLETE

Jim Tucker was named Athlete of the Week for his fine performance in the Piedmont varsity football game at Piedmont on October 9, 1964. He played the whole game on both the offensive and defensive teams. Jim took part in almost all the tackles during the game, and as quarterback, started all plays offensively. Although at no time did Acalanes have the lead, Jim and the team never gave up the fight to put us on the scoreboard. This effort by Jim Tucker certainly merits recognition as Athlete of the Week.

At this time during the year Jim's recognition in sports is limited to football, but as the year passes his name will probably be heard in connection with baseball and basketball. In the past Jim Tucker certainly has shown his skill in these sports.

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EDITORIAL

When a high school atheltic team is winning it seems that the attendance at games is always large, spirit among fellow students is fantastic, and coaches are praised for their team and their relationship with the team.

However, when a high school athletic team is losing, it is an entirely different story. Attendance is low, spirit sluggish, and most alarming, the relationship between team members and especially coaches and players, greatly suffers.

It is important for a team to win, but is it so important that boys should fear the thought of losing, or dread the thought of Monday's practice and facing the coaches? Or even worse, should a team member lose faith in his coach, or perhaps a coach lose faith in "his" boys? Of course not. A high school loss should not be put on College or Pro level, it should be taken just as it is: an amateur attempt at winning a professional battle.

But in this day and age and perhaps even in this school this type of situation can be found! "If I should lose, let me stand tall as the winners go by."

C. C. STANDINGS

VARSITY

Del Valle	4-0
San Ramon	3-1
Alhambra	2-2
Miramonte	2-2
Piedmont	2-2
Las Lomas	1-3
ACALANES	0-4
Campolindo	0-4

FROSH-SOPH

Alhambra	4-0
Del Valle	3-1
San Ramon	3-1
Piedmont	2-2
Las Lomas	1-3
Miramonte	1-3
ACALANES	0-4
Campolindo	0-4

Elliott Brothers High Light C. C. Season

This year's cross country squad, while unsuccessful in league competition, has quite a star in Ron Elliot. Ron, a senior, is undefeated in four league meets and one inter-league clash.

In a league duel against San Ramon, Ron outlasted Ralph Patten for a 10:35 clocking and victory. The Alhambra meet produced a new school record as Elliot covered the two mile course in 10:31. He has also been victorious against Las Lomas, Ygnacio Valley, and Piedmont.

Ron is no newcomer to the Acalanes scene. As a freshman he won the Frosh-Soph League Meet, and has been running varsity for Coach Eaton ever since.

Another bright spot in the Acalanes Cross Country picture is Ron's younger brother, Dave. Only a sophomore, he was moved up to varsity after winning the junior varsity meet with Las Lomas. His third place varsity finish against Piedmont on October 14 was the second highest Acalanes finish of the season.

League Standings

Foothill Athletic League standings in varsity football (League games only).

Piedmont	2-0-0
San Ramon	2-0-0
Las Lomas	2-0-1
Alhambra	1-2-0
Del Valle	1-2-0
ACALANES	0-1-1
Miramonte	0-3-0

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J.V.'S LOSE FOUR - FROSH SHOW PROMISE

BENCH JOCKEY

It seems that our dear friends over the hill at Las Lomas found out that a few injuries and the loss of five members of the Acalanes Varsity football team was not a large enough crutch to help them to (as predicted) "walk all over the Dons".

Instead, it was the Dons who walked all over the Knights, allowing them to score only on freak plays and on "unlucky" breaks made by Acalanes.

Las Lomas came into the game with only one thought in mind — spoil Acalanes' Homecoming. But alas, as the fourth and final quarter rolled around, the mighty Knights found themselves trailing the fired-up Dons 19-6.

It just didn't seem possible. Acalanes, with many of its good former players watching from the stands, was about to crown its recently elected princess with an upset victory over one of the best teams in the F.A.L. Perhaps it was the inexperience of the ball club, or the sweet taste of victory so close, or maybe even the tense excitement of the crowd, but whatever it was the Dons managed to somehow blow there "devistating" lead and had to settle with a tie.

But this tie was perhaps the needed "spark" with which Acalanes just might use to knock championship contenders out of the stiff F.A.L. race. Already, one team has been most likely pushed out of contention and there is a good chance for others to follow that same route!

Only time and tough football will tell and we have plenty of both if the Dons keep up their spirit and their respect for their fine coach, George Cockerton — neither of which is too much to ask!!

Looking over the other side of the hill, we see not only the timid Matadors, but also on the distant horizon a group of boys running along a mountain side.

Not too much can be said about this group except to mention the name of Ron Elliot, who has taken a first place in every meet he has participated in this year. Congratulations to Ron and good luck to his coach, Mr. Eaton.

DONS TIE HOMECOMING

What will probably be considered the highlight of this year's football season for Acalanes came with their Oct. 16 game against heavily favored Las Lomas. The fact that the Dons managed to tie the tough team with a final score of 19-19 was only one aspect for it was the annual Homecoming. The night started off with the traditional float competition between the four classes of the school. The seniors as expected took first followed by the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen in that respective order. The big moment came later though, when Holly Borowiak was proclaimed Homecoming Queen.

That night will also be remembered as one of the best seen by this year's squad. The Dons managed to stage what is considered one of the most surprising upsets so far this year. The Dons were able to tie the heavily favored Las Lomas Knights. Not only did they tie the knights, but were able to gain a 19-6 lead over them in the third quarter. It was a stunned Knight squad that finally in the fourth quarter managed to tie the fired-up Dons.

The scoreboard lit up early for the Dons. In the first quarter Quarterback Jim Tucker went over for the T.D. from the one yard line, culminating a 58 yard drive. An attempted pass for the conversion was incomplete leaving the score at 6-0.

Las Lomas was not long stilled. On a 55 yard pass play they were able to tie it up just before half time at 6-6. The conversion kick was unsuccessful, making it a new ball game in the second half.

The third quarter was a great one for the Dons. After a bad punt by Las Lomas the Dons were able to march 47 yards for the T.D. Bret Bullen carried the ball over from 3 yards out. Again the conversion attempt was unsuccessful, Tucker's kick being slightly off. With the game at 12-6 the Dons had only begun to come to life. It was not long before they had the ball on the Knight 27 yard line. A fumble by the Knights and quick recovery by Ed Strello put the Dons in a good position. They quickly made use of it by pushing their lead to 18-6. In five plays they had the T.D. with Tucker's beautiful run over the goal line. The conversion attempt by Gary Shaw was successful making the score 19-6.

Las Lomas managed to rally in the fourth quarter and with some luck tied the game up at 19-19 just before the final gun. The heavily favored Las Lomas team barely got off with a tie, which seemed surprising to all but the confident Acalanes team.

INJURIES, ADVANCEMENTS SHATTER J.V. HOPES

Due to numerous injuries and the loss of fine players like Ed Davis, Pete Jay, and Ron Sutro, and others who advanced to varsity, the Junior Varsity squad lost their second league game to Piedmont 39-21. Fine running ability shown by Denny Condon and Steve Green highlighted the second half of the game. The Junior Dons had some trouble in the first half but seemed to come alive with Steve Green's 30-yard sprint to put the Dons on the scoreboard. After fine blocking and tackling by Bob Pickett the Dons had the ball again. Denny Condon, a sophomore like most of the squad, took the ball over for the Dons again. They were still behind and needed points desperately. Again Steve Green comes to the aid of his team; but it wasn't quite enough. Steve ran with the ball again and ran his way to the Dons' goal.

Mr. Thurling and Mr. Warren haven't had a winning team from their JV players, but there are many winning players on the squad. Besides the strong running power supplied by Steve and Denny, Dave Lahey and Greg Fink are fine quarterbacks. Greg Fink had his first experience playing quarterback in the Piedmont game. In the line Bob Pickett shows superb ability in blocking and tackling.

Although the Junior Varsity team has had some trouble, Mr. Mattson's freshmen have had no troubles. This year it looks as if "Mat" has produced a winning team. It appears that the "Baby Dons" have Big Don material in the backfield. With the accuracy of Jim Stevens' passing and good running, backs like Jim Boyle and Dennis Johnson, "Mat" has little to do except inspire his athletes.

Our frosh team defeated Piedmont at the turf the same day that our JV's were defeated here. Mr. Mattson was very pleased with Dennis Johnson and the winning touchdowns he made that day.

This year will produce many fine players, from both Frosh and JV teams, for our Varsity team next year. The school is behind both teams and wishes them good luck in the present season.

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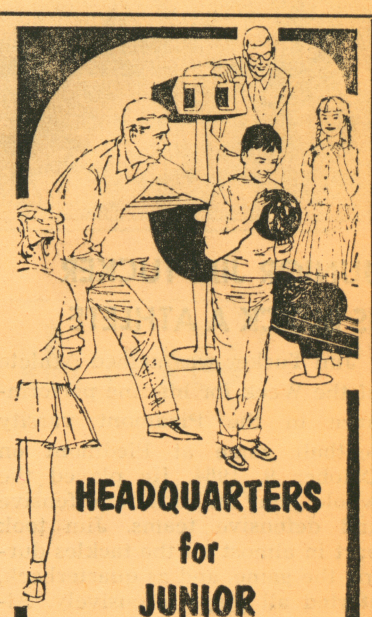
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